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Annual Operation Move-out Initiative to Begin July 31

Charleston, SC—The city of Charleston's annual "Operation Move-out" initiative will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31 and be conducted through 5 p.m. on Monday, August 5. During this time, tenants are asked to place trash items at the curb by 7 a.m. for same-day pickup. Crews will operate daily, with the exception of Sunday, August 4.

The initiative, organized by the city's Department of Livability and Tourism, was developed to better manage the removal of trash and discarded household goods from the public right of way as renters and college students move out of their rental properties downtown.

Livability Division code enforcement officers will conduct patrols in the area of the peninsula most affected by the end of July move-out—between Line Street and Beaufain Street—to identify locations where trash is being discarded improperly. These code enforcement officers will provide informational flyers to tenants describing proper methods for discarding household items and outlining alternative methods of discarding household items, like donating gently used items to charities such as Good Will Industries and Homeless to Hope.

Dan Riccio, director of the city's Livability and Tourism Department, said, "With the cooperation of local landlords and tenants each summer, we're able to properly and efficiently dispose of trash and unwanted items and keep our streets and sidewalks clear of debris. We look forward to completing another successful Operation Move-out this year."

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